

## RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRIBAL ALLIANCE FOR INDIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(Formerly known as: PARTNERSHIP RE: SERVICES TO INDIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES)

## TRAINING Sub-Committee

The Training sub-committee is currently developing training that is applicable to various agencies and professions. The sub-committee intends to target audiences, which would include: tribes, probation officers, social workers, judges, and attorneys. The goal of the training sub-committee is to educate key people in each agency or profession so they can disseminate the information throughout their own organization.

The following training components will be considered in the development of the training:

- The Law
  - o Historical background of ICWA
  - o Cultural relevance
  - o Literature/research
  - o Noticing requirements
- Practical Issues
  - o Forms
  - o Services/case plan
  - Resources
  - o Placement Issues
  - o Expert witnesses
  - o Family conferencing
  - o 600 vs. 300 children
  - o MOU's
- Cultural Issues (to be connected throughout)
  - o Appropriate communication
  - o Decision-making
  - Concept of family
  - o Culturally relevant services

The sub-committee will soon begin working on the specifics for those components identified above.

## **Current Sub-Committee Members:**

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